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Appeal No: 2009-1000  
Appellant: NICK P. DIVITTORIO  
Application No: 09/449,912  
Hearing Room: A  
Hearing Docket: B  
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009  
Hearing Time: 09:00 AM  
Location: Madison Building - East Wing  
600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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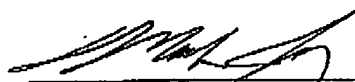
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Hearing dated February 26, 2009, and scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Appellants hereby request a telephonic hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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